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I have been very distressed by the news lately. After seeing that the 2nd American in as many months has been beheaded at the hands of terrorists while at the same time United States soldiers are going to prison for 'abusing' these same terrorists, I cannot help but feel disgusted by my own countries actions. Not by the abuse, but by the handling of its own soldiers. What these soldiers did was wrong, and also unintelligent. But going to prison for acting inappropriately to TERRORISTS? That is very upsetting to me. I understand that what our soldiers did was wrong, but I feel as though the United States needs to begin focusing less on protecting these terrorist prisoners, and focusing more on protecting its own citizens. They are beheading men who are over there just trying to work, and we're not supposed to hate them? When the United States has done its job protecting us from terrorists, then they can worry about punishing its own defenders. But seeing these recent events truly disappoints me, and I'm hurt by this. I do not want to be disappointed in my own country, but that is what I have become. And watching these ant-war and anti-abuse protests is beginning to make me sick. Why do they have all this time to protest? They can't work for themselves? I'm sick of seeing long haired skinny college kids protesting things they have no idea about. One day the real workers, firemen, policemen, ironworkers and the like will have to stand up for themselves if the government can't stand up for us. Unfortunately its more difficult when you actually have to work and don't have time to always protest every little thing, but I for one have become fed up with the way things are going on in America right now. If the workers don't protest this war, and the soldiers themselves are for the war also, then why are these punk protestors given such strong support within the government? I would greatly appreciate it if you and the United States could begin worrying about us, its citizens, and stop trying to protect prisoners who hate us. I doubt an email such as this will do much, but I felt too disgusted to just sit and not do a thing. Thank you very much for your time.

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